

# **Sales Tax Committee Meeting**

## **Summary Minutes**

### **November 29, 2012**

Absent members: Ms. Laurie Hartsfield, Mr. Terrance Hinson, Ms. Kim Rivers, and Mr. Mark Tarmey.

**Meeting began at 4:10 pm**

#### **Agenda Item #1: Citizens to be Heard**

Mr. Curtis Bynes addressed the Committee on his support of providing sewer for the Woodville inside the urban service area as well as sewer in the Oak Ridge subdivision.

#### **Agenda Item #2: Approval of Summary Minutes for the November 15, 2012 Meeting of the Leon County Sales Tax Committee**

Mr. Curtis Richardson made a motion to approve the summary minutes for the November 15, 2012 meeting of the Sales Tax Committee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Glenda Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item #3: Additional Project Identification by Committee Members**

The Committee asked to see a project beautifying the Orange Avenue Stormwater Pond.

#### **Agenda Item #4: Presentation on Leon County's Water Quality Improvement Projects for the Sales Tax Committee's Consideration**

Mr. Alan Rosenzweig, Deputy County Administrator, introduced each of the County's Water Quality projects to the Committee before turning to staff to present each individual component of the projects. Mr. Rosenzweig noted that the County's approach was holistic and kept with the original Blueprint 2000 philosophy. There will be an opportunity to merge County, City, and citizen projects once they've been presented. The County evaluated each project based on whether it contributed to: 1) the Comprehensive Plan; 2) the Regional Mobility Plan; 3) the Greenway Master Plan; 4) Connectivity; 5) Compliments Blueprint 2000 Projects; 6) Water Quality Enhancements and Green Infrastructure; 7) Stormwater/Sewer Capacity Improvements; 8) Transportation Capacity Improvements.

The proposed County Water Quality Projects:

- Lake Jackson Preservation and Mobility Enhancements
- Centerville Trace Water Resources
- Woodville Water Quality

Mr. Rosenzweig and Mr. Tony Park, Leon County Public Works Director, also introduced a County and City's proposal to provide incentives for new hookups associated with the proposed projects. County and City staff were on hand to answer questions. Mr. John Buss, the City of Tallahassee Director of Water Resource Engineering also assisted in answer the Committee's questions regarding water quality projects.

Commissioner Bill Proctor addressed the Committee in support of the Woodville Water Quality project.

Mr. Anthony Gaudio addressed the Committee on septic tank alternatives other than sewer hookups.

**Agenda Item #5: Presentation by the Community Groups**

Mr. Jim Stephenson addressed the Committee on behalf of the Wakulla Springs Alliance. He spoke on Wakulla Springs' history and amenities. Mr. Stephenson summarized the threats to the springs, the need to protect drinking water sources, and explained the flow of the aquifer.

Mr. Robert Scanlon, Ms. Pamela Hall, and Ms. Debbie Lightsey presented on behalf of the Water Resources Committee about:

- The degradation of water quality and its implications.
- The need for restoration, not just regulation
- The nitrogen cycle and sources of nitrogen impacts
- The Water Resources Committee's perspective on County Water Quality projects
- Alternatives to septic tanks and central sewer systems
- The Lombardo Report
- The Committee putting aside money to address Water Quality more specifically in the future.

**Agenda Item #6: Presentation by Leon County Office of Financial Stewardship and Consideration of Leon County Infrastructure Projects**

Scott Ross, Director of the County Office of Financial Stewardship, addressed the Committee on an analysis of the limited resources for the County's Capital Improvements Plan.

Mr. Tony Parks, Director of County Public Works, briefly presented the County Infrastructure projects for the Committee's consideration:

- Additional Sidewalks and Mobility Improvements
- County Intersections and Safety Improvements
- County Road Resurfacing
- County Facilities Infrastructure
- Private Dirt Road Paving Program

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.**